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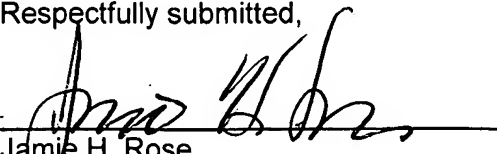
Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on September 9, 2005, Applicants submit this Response.

Claims 1-83, of which claims 1, 74, 79, and 83 are independent, are pending in the application. The Office action requires election of a single one of the following identified species: Group I drawn to Figure 1; Group 2 drawn to Figure 2; Group 3 drawn to Figure 3A; and Group 4 drawn to Figure 5A. Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I drawn to Figure 1. It appears that claims 1-72 and 74-83 are readable on Group I.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of all pending claims, with claims 1-72 and 74-83 proceeding to allowance. Applicants believe that no fees are due with this Response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0503.

Respectfully submitted,


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